

BIG IDEA

The Spirit brings breakthrough in people... in individual lives, in groups, and in whole communities.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:1-9; Acts 10:9-23

ICEBREAKER AND OPENING THOUGHT

This is designed to get your group talking and open things up some. The opening thought is to help ease into the topic of the day and allow people to start thinking.

BIBLE DISCUSSION

Sometimes it helps to read the Scripture in a couple of different translations if there are lots of questions about the reading. Remind your group that there are no right or wrong answers in this area; we are looking for people's genuine thoughts, not some sort of 'correct' answer.

Some possible ways people could notice the mission changing is who the audience is – it used to be mostly Jewish and then expanded to include Gentiles like Romans. It also expanded from people thinking it was the religious who'd be saved, to everyone having that potential (Peter eating non-kosher marked a departure of both Jewish and religious ways).

The ends of the world include people and lifestyles the NT writers could have never imagined. How have we seen this in our lives?

LIFE APPLICATION

Breakthrough is a new way of looking at our lives, a way of holy discontent, knowing that God calls us into a fuller life. To do this, we have to trust in God's power to change situations and people. This week we're focusing on people, both ourselves and other people.

When we focus on what God is capable of (instead of getting hindered by what is currently blocking us), we can see amazing things done through the power of the Holy Spirit. Encourage your group to think big, to think wide, and to think in new ways about the people in their hearts.

As a community, we want to see breakthrough happening in all people, but we're choosing to focus on three groups, specifically:

1. **Community Music** – to touch people's hearts far from God and geographically far with worship music.
2. **Leadership Residents** – to provide opportunities for people to see what God's plan for their life is and how they can help start more churches.
3. **Student Community** – to challenge and invest in the next generation of church leaders.

CHALLENGE

Spend some time as a group and as individuals thinking of how you would complete this prayer: "God, I ask you for a breakthrough in _____'s life." Commit to praying for that person daily this week. And add this prayer when you're finished praying:

"Father, we ask you for a breakthrough – in our lives and the lives of other people. We open ourselves to the work of your Holy Spirit. Grow us. Transform us. Use us to further your mission in this world. We pray all of this in the name of Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen."